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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a local government energy innovation
2 competitive grant program, and making an appropriation.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 473.21 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENERGY
1 2 INNOVATION COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM == FUND.
1 3 1. The Iowa energy center created under section 266.39C
1 4 shall establish and administer a local government energy
1 5 innovation competitive grant program. The objective of the
1 6 grant program shall be to assist political subdivisions of the
1 7 state in the development and implementation of innovative
1 8 transportation, conservation, or energy efficiency programs
1 9 involving the utilization of alternative or renewable energy
1 10 generation sources; ethanol, biodiesel, and other alternative
1 11 fuels; and energy efficient building construction and
1 12 rehabilitation standards. For purposes of this section,
1 13 "political subdivision" means any municipality, township,
1 14 county, district, or authority, or any portion, or combination
1 15 of two or more, thereof.
1 16 2. A local government energy innovation competitive grant
1 17 fund is created in the office of the treasurer of state to be
1 18 administered by the Iowa energy center. The fund shall
1 19 include moneys appropriated or otherwise directed to the fund.
1 20 Section 8.33 shall not apply to the moneys in the fund.
1 21 3. A political subdivision may apply to the Iowa energy
1 22 center for a grant under this section by filing a completed
1 23 application as directed by the Iowa energy center that
1 24 includes plans for utilization of the funding received and an
1 25 estimate of the energy efficiency savings to be achieved. The
1 26 Iowa energy center shall develop grant approval criteria by
1 27 rule. The criteria shall include the following:
1 28 a. Projected reduction in energy usage.
1 29 b. Projected energy savings.
1 30 c. Availability of private and local matching funds.
1 31 d. Additional social or environmental benefits to be
1 32 derived through implementation of energy efficiency or
1 33 reduction measures.
1 34 e. Whether the program can be duplicated by other
1 35 political subdivisions.
2 1 4. Grant recipients shall be required to submit a report
2 2 to the Iowa energy center regarding utilization of the funding
2 3 received and the impact and results of the program developed
2 4 and implemented within one year from a grant award.
2 5 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 473.22 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENERGY
2 6 INNOVATION COMPETITIVE GRANTS == APPROPRIATION.
2 7 There is annually appropriated from the general fund of the
2 8 state to the local government energy innovation competitive
2 9 grant fund the sum of one million dollars to be used for the
2 10 local government energy innovation competitive grant program
2 11 established in section 473.21. The Iowa energy center may
2 12 retain up to two percent of the annual appropriation for costs
2 13 of administering the program.
2 14 EXPLANATION
2 15 This bill establishes a local government energy innovation
2 16 competitive grant program to be administered by the Iowa
2 17 energy center created under Code section 266.39C. The purpose
2 18 of the program shall be to assist political subdivisions of
2 19 the state in the development and implementation of innovative
2 20 transportation, conservation, or energy efficiency programs

2 21 involving the utilization of alternative or renewable energy
2 22 generation sources; ethanol, biodiesel, and other alternative
2 23 fuels; and energy efficient building construction and
2 24 rehabilitation standards. The bill defines a "political
2 25 subdivision" as any municipality, township, county, district,
2 26 or authority, or any portion, or combination of two or more,
2 27 thereof.

2 28 The bill provides that applicants shall provide information
2 29 including plans for utilization of the funding received and an
2 30 estimate of the energy efficiency savings to be achieved.

2 31 Grant approval criteria, to be developed by the Iowa energy
2 32 center by rule, shall include projected reduction in energy
2 33 usage or savings, availability of matching funds, anticipated
2 34 additional social or environmental benefits, and whether the
2 35 program can be duplicated by other political subdivisions.

3 1 The bill requires grant recipients to submit a report to the
3 2 Iowa energy center regarding utilization of the funding
3 3 received and the impact and results of the program within one
3 4 year from a grant award.

3 5 The bill appropriates \$1 million annually for purposes of
3 6 the program, and provides that the Iowa energy center shall be
3 7 authorized to retain up to 2 percent of the appropriation for
3 8 costs of administering the program.

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